

Temporary Food Events: *Environmental Issues Concerning Permits and Inspections* Satellite Conference

Tuesday, August 23, 2005 • 2:00-4:00 p.m. (Central Time)
3:00-5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) • 1:00-3:00 p.m. (Mountain Time) • 12:00-2:00 p.m. (Pacific Time)

Street fairs, civic celebrations, art festivals, and other similar events call for food service outlets to be set up out-of-doors or in locations where keeping foods safe and sanitary becomes a real challenge. Experts say that most food poisoning at “temporary” public events happen because of mishandling of food. Numerous reports of foodborne illness have made the headlines in recent years and most of these outbreaks have involved food prepared away from home or a permanent commercial kitchen. And many cases of foodborne illness go unreported because the symptoms are similar to the flu. We also know that food contaminated with microorganisms are the cause of foodborne illness and that contaminated food does not necessarily have to taste bad, smell bad or even look bad.

Conference faculty from the Alabama Department of Public Health, Bureau of Environmental Services, will review food safety and other environmental health considerations associated with food operations at temporary public events. This will include water supply, food safety risk factors, waste disposal and news media relations. Participants will have an opportunity to hear from and observe environmentalists on location at temporary public events, including state fairs, Nascar races and street fairs. While this program is intended for environmentalists and other health professionals who work in the food industry in Alabama, most of the material presented will be of interest to environmentalists in other states.

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Program Objectives:

To review food safety concerns associated with temporary food service establishments including:

- a. Administrative requirements.
- b. Consistency.
- c. Risk factors for foodborne illness.
- d. Lessons learned (post event).

Conference Details:

Target Audience: Environmentalists and other health professional who work in the food industry.

CEU's: None. Registration: www.adph.org/alphtn Cost: No cost to view. Satellite Coordinates: C & Ku Band.

Conference Materials: No handouts will be distributed for this conference.

Questions: alphtn@adph.state.al.us or 334-206-5618.

Issues or questions you want addressed during the conference?

Email (alphtn@adph.state.al.us) or fax (334-206-5640) the conference faculty before August 23, 2005.
They will respond during the program.